

California Entry Requirements for Cattle

To Protect the Health of Our Livestock

- A. Interstate Livestock Entry Permit. Prior to entering California, a permit from the Animal Health Branch, valid for 15 days, is required for:
 - All intact female cattle
 - Beef bulls over 18 months of age
 - Dairy bulls over 6 months of age
 - Breeding cattle from less than tuberculosis "Accredited Free" states

The owner's name, physical address and telephone number are required. Call 916-651-6278 for permits.



- B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). A CVI is required for:
 - Female dairy cattle over 4 months of age
 - Female beef cattle over 6 months of age
 - Beef bulls over 18 months of age
 - Dairy bulls over 6 months of age
 - Any animal requiring an official test.
- C. Official Identification. All cattle moving with a CVI require official identification on the certificate using either:
 - Official brucellosis calfhood vaccination tag
 - State or federal approved tag
 - "Premises Identification Number" tattoos
 - Registration tattoos
 - Any other device approved for use by CDFA or USDA
 - Registered brands may be substituted for official identification under certain circumstances.
- D. Official Brucellosis Calfhood Vaccination. Brucellosis vaccination, indicated by a legible tattoo is required for:
 - Female dairy breed cattle over 4 months of age
 - Female beef breed cattle over 12 months of age and requested over 6 months of age

- E. Brucellosis Test. All sexually intact cattle over 18 months of age (or that have calved) from "non-class free" states require a negative blood test within 30 days of entry and individual identification on official forms.
 - **Exceptions:** Cattle originating in Certified Free Herds when the herd number and date of last negative whole herd test are recorded on the CVI.
- F. Trichomonosis Test. Bulls over 18 months of age require a negative trichomonosis test sample collected 10 days after last contact with sexually mature cows and within 30 days prior to entry into California.

Exceptions:

- Bulls for exhibition, confined to location
- Bulls for artificial insemination
- G. Tuberculosis Test. All dairy breeding cattle over 6 months of age from any state require a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry into California. All beef breeding cattle over 6 months of age originating from any "non-class free" state require a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry. Please contact Animal Health Branch for cattle coming from Michigan.



Exceptions:

- Dairy heifers originating in and returning to California on a special permit
- Cattle from Accredited Free Herds when the herd number and date of last negative whole herd test are recorded on the CVI.

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| Sacramento (HQ) | 916-654-1447 |
| Permit Line | 916-651-6278 |
| USDA/APHIS/VS 916-854-3900 or 877-741-3690 | |
| Livestock Movement Website: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/permits.htm | |

NOTE: Brand Inspection requirements remain in affect.